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Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION JANUARY 1988 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

JOBLESS RATE DROPS

The Statewide actual unemployment rate declined from 7.9 percent in November to 6.8 percent in December 1987, as the number of jobless Texans decreased by 99,500 over the month. The current rate was the lowest in the actual series since December 1985. In mid-December, there were an estimated 574,000 unemployed, over 150,000 below the December 1986 total, when the actual rate was 8.7 percent. Total employment slid downward slightly over the month, to 7,881,000, but was still up substantially from the year-ago level.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	120,205.0	120,611.0	118,049.0
Unemployment	6,526.0	6,802.0	7,461.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.6	6.3
Total Employment	113,679.0	113,809.0	110,588.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	120,722.0	120,616.0	118,586.0
Unemployment	6,978.0	7,116.0	7,949.0
Percent Unemployed	5.8	5.9	6.7
Total Employment	113,744.0	113,500.0	110,637.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,455.0	8,568.8	8,317.5
Unemployment	574.0	673.5	724.1
Percent Unemployed	6.8	7.9	8.7
Total Employment	7,881.0	7,895.3	7,593.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,470.0	8,573.0	8,354.0
Unemployment	639.0	725.0	804.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	8.5	9.6
Total Employment	7,831.0	7,848.0	7,550.0

Since the jobless rates have fluctuated somewhat for the past three months, a quarterly average may give a more accurate picture of the State's actual economic condition. Using these averages, the State's actual unemployment rate has declined from a high of 9.1 percent in the first quarter of 1987, to 8.8 percent for the second quarter, 8.5 percent in the third quarter, down to 7.4 percent in the last quarter of 1987.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the rate also dropped over the month, from 8.5 percent to 7.5 percent in mid-December, down from 9.6 percent in December 1986. The National unemployment rates are the lowest in many years, as the actual rate continued to slide downward to 5.4 percent in December 1987. The seasonally adjusted rate also declined slightly, to 5.8 percent in December.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS COUNT RISES MODERATELY

Texas nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 7,200 between November and December, its smallest increase since September, despite a fairly large seasonal gain in the trade sector. In mid-December, the number of nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas was estimated at 6,587,700, up 48,900 from the December 1986 total. Aside from the increase in trade, only mining and finance, insurance and real estate generated employment growth over the month, as all other major industries recorded declines.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec.'87*	Nov.'87**	Dec.'86**	Dec.'87*	Nov.'87**	Dec.'86**	Dec.'87*	Nov.'87**	Dec.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,800	50,900	50,300	79,300	79,000	78,700	359,400	358,700	364,400
Manufacturing	4,700	4,700	4,900	9,600	9,600	9,800	39,600	39,700	39,800
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,200	1,200	1,400	900	900	1,000
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300	4,000	4,400	4,000	19,000	19,000	21,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	5,700	5,700	6,000	10,700	10,900	11,400
Trade	14,600	14,400	14,200	24,200	23,900	23,700	80,800	80,000	83,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,400	4,300	4,300	24,900	24,900	25,700
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,400	13,100	16,400	16,300	16,100	83,800	83,800	83,400
Government	8,500	8,700	8,400	13,800	13,600	13,400	99,700	99,500	97,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,900	128,300	129,600	58,500	58,000	56,800	64,500	64,400	65,900
Manufacturing	24,100	24,100	24,800	15,300	15,000	15,200	9,300	9,300	9,900
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,300	1,300	--	--	--
Construction	7,300	7,400	7,500	6,000	6,000	5,600	2,500	2,500	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,300	9,300	9,500	2,200	2,300	2,200	3,000	3,000	3,200
Trade	31,600	31,800	32,900	11,500	11,200	11,300	17,600	17,200	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,600	2,100	2,100	2,000	3,400	3,400	3,300
Services & Misc.	28,300	28,300	27,500	8,300	8,200	7,700	13,500	13,800	13,500
Government	20,200	20,300	20,300	11,800	11,900	11,500	15,200	15,200	15,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	49,500	49,900	47,900	127,000	127,000	129,200	1,311.2	1,311.1	1,333.0
Manufacturing	3,100	3,000	2,800	11,400	11,400	11,800	223.7	224.2	224.1
Mining	900	900	800	5,300	5,300	6,300	18.7	18.8	19.3
Construction	2,200	2,300	2,100	7,000	7,300	8,000	57.3	58.9	72.1
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,500	1,600	7,000	6,900	7,100	87.8	87.4	86.7
Trade	11,000	11,100	11,000	34,000	34,000	34,600	358.1	354.4	363.6
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	6,700	6,700	6,900	128.3	128.7	133.1
Services & Misc.	8,000	8,100	7,700	27,700	27,600	27,300	288.4	289.8	284.9
Government	21,000	21,300	20,200	27,900	27,800	27,200	148.9	148.9	149.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	187,400	186,300	185,500	517,400	518,300	515,200	69,000	68,400	70,100
Manufacturing	35,900	35,800	35,200	117,800	117,800	114,900	8,900	8,900	9,200
Mining	--	--	--	3,300	3,300	3,400	400	400	400
Construction	9,400	9,500	9,700	25,800	27,400	29,400	3,000	2,900	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,000	10,000	10,200	28,200	28,200	27,300	4,300	4,100	4,800
Trade	46,700	45,800	46,500	135,000	134,000	139,000	13,600	13,500	13,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,900	9,900	9,600	28,600	28,600	28,600	4,300	4,200	4,600
Services & Misc.	36,000	35,800	35,500	113,500	113,800	109,500	13,400	13,300	12,800
Government	39,500	39,500	38,800	65,200	65,200	63,100	21,100	21,100	20,800

The over-the-month increase of 10,200 in trade was concentrated in three retail sectors -- general merchandise stores, which added 6,300 jobs; other retail trade (which includes gift shops and jewelry stores), where 2,100 positions were created; and apparel and accessory stores, which gained 1,600 jobs in December

Following a minor upturn in November, mining advanced by 1,600 jobs in December -- its largest increase since July. All of the growth was in oil and gas extraction. Finance, insurance and real estate recorded the only other employment gain in December, although it was relatively small. A sizeable advance of 1,000 in banking was partially nullified by downturns in the other two sectors, leaving this group with a total increase of only 500.

Among the industries losing jobs over the month, the largest downturn was in services, which declined by 1,900 in December due primarily to 2,300 jobs which were deleted as the fall semester was completed in private schools and colleges. A moderate gain of 1,300 in health services, as hospitals and doctors' offices added personnel, was insufficient to overcome the larger losses in the educational sector.

Construction, plagued by poor weather during the past month, lost an additional 1,800 jobs, for its fourth consecutive month of cutbacks. Small losses within the state and local sectors pushed employment down by 500 in government between November and December.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**
HOUSTON 2/			
TOTAL	1,391.9	1,387.4	1,389.3
Manufacturing	152.9	153.3	147.9
Mining	64.5	64.5	64.8
Construction	80.6	81.5	86.2
Trans., Comm., & Util.	90.3	90.3	92.5
Trade	361.1	355.8	365.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	95.4	95.4	101.5
Services & Misc.	355.4	354.6	342.0
Government	191.7	192.0	189.1
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			
TOTAL	64,900	64,700	65,500
Manufacturing	15,000	15,100	14,800
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	2,800	2,800	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	17,300	17,000	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	3,400
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,600	11,500
Government	8,500	8,500	8,400
MIDLAND			
TOTAL	45,100	44,600	44,500
Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	3,100
Mining	9,500	9,300	8,800
Construction	1,500	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,100	2,200
Trade	11,100	10,900	11,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,900
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,600
Government	6,500	6,400	6,300
SAN ANTONIO			
TOTAL	500,300	499,800	497,300
Manufacturing	46,300	46,800	47,000
Mining	2,600	2,500	2,600
Construction	31,200	31,000	32,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	18,000	18,000
Trade	134,900	133,000	132,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,100	39,200	38,900
Services & Misc.	117,900	118,400	115,800
Government	110,300	110,900	109,300
TYLER			
TOTAL	60,200	59,900	61,300
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	11,100
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800
Construction	2,700	2,700	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700
Trade	16,200	15,900	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,800
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,200	13,600
Government	9,100	9,100	8,900
WICHITA FALLS			
TOTAL	50,600	50,300	50,300
Manufacturing	8,100	8,000	8,100
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	12,800	12,600	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,200	11,100
Government	9,500	9,500	9,600

Industry	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**
KILLEEN-TEMPLE			
TOTAL	69,300	69,300	68,300
Manufacturing	8,500	8,500	8,400
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,800
Trade	16,700	16,600	16,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,000
Services & Misc.	14,400	14,400	13,800
Government	20,500	20,600	19,800
LUBBOCK			
TOTAL	92,600	92,000	92,700
Manufacturing	7,500	7,500	7,300
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	2,500	2,600	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,900	4,700	4,700
Trade	29,000	28,500	28,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,400
Services & Misc.	20,900	21,000	20,900
Government	22,100	22,000	21,900
ODESSA			
TOTAL	45,800	45,100	44,100
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,600
Mining	7,000	6,800	6,100
Construction	2,400	2,500	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,100	2,200
Trade	13,700	13,400	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,400	7,200
Government	7,700	7,600	7,400
SHERMAN-DENISON			
TOTAL	38,100	38,400	38,200
Manufacturing	11,200	11,400	11,100
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	8,700	8,700	8,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,900	7,600
Government	5,000	5,100	5,200
VICTORIA			
TOTAL	28,700	28,300	28,400
Manufacturing	3,200	3,100	3,100
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,400	1,600
Trade	8,200	8,000	8,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500
Services & Misc.	5,900	5,900	5,900
Government	4,600	4,600	4,500

Industry	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**
LAREDO			
TOTAL	35,800	35,700	35,000
Manufacturing	1,700	1,900	1,800
Mining	2,300	2,300	1,700
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,200	4,200	4,000
Trade	10,100	9,900	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,000	6,000	6,000
Government	8,600	8,500	8,200
MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			
TOTAL	93,400	92,700	88,100
Manufacturing	14,200	13,900	12,300
Mining	1,000	900	1,200
Construction	4,400	4,400	4,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	3,000	2,800
Trade	26,800	26,400	25,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,800	3,700	3,900
Services & Misc.	14,100	14,100	13,700
Government	26,300	26,300	23,700
SAN ANGELO			
TOTAL	37,600	37,200	37,300
Manufacturing	5,900	5,800	5,900
Mining	600	600	600
Construction	1,700	1,700	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,100	3,200
Trade	9,800	9,600	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,800	7,900	7,500
Government	6,800	6,700	6,700
TEXARKANA			
TOTAL	45,500	45,500	45,700
Manufacturing	7,300	7,400	7,200
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	11,100	11,200	11,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,200	9,200
Government	12,500	12,400	12,700
WACO			
TOTAL	79,000	78,900	79,100
Manufacturing	14,700	14,800	15,200
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,700	3,800	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,500
Trade	19,900	19,600	19,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	19,700	19,800	19,700
Government	12,700	12,600	12,600

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.
1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Dec. 1987*	Nov. 1987**	Dec. 1986**	Change From Nov. 1987	Change From Dec. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,587,700	6,580,500	6,538,800	7,200	48,900
Manufacturing	977,700	978,500	944,800	-800	32,900
Durable Goods	568,000	568,600	545,300	-600	22,700
Lumber & Wood Products	36,000	36,200	36,500	-200	-500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,000	7,300	0	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	18,600	18,500	16,900	100	1,700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,600	44,700	45,000	-100	-400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	18,900	19,000	20,100	-100	-1,200
Primary Metal Industries	29,200	29,200	27,600	0	1,600
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,900	76,900	74,600	0	2,300
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,600	37,700	37,500	-100	100
Machinery, Except Electrical	106,900	107,500	102,900	-600	4,000
Oil Field Machinery	24,600	24,800	23,500	-200	1,100
Electric & Electronic Equipment	124,400	124,700	119,200	-300	5,200
Transportation Equipment	95,400	94,700	87,500	700	7,900
Aircraft & Parts	54,200	53,900	50,100	300	4,100
Instruments & Related Products	22,500	22,600	21,900	-100	600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,500	13,600	13,200	-100	300
Nondurable Goods	409,700	409,900	399,500	-200	10,200
Food & Kindred Products	100,100	99,900	97,400	200	2,700
Meat Products	28,800	29,000	27,300	-200	1,500
Dairy Products	4,900	5,000	4,900	-100	0
Bakery Products	11,400	11,400	11,100	0	300
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	52,000	52,300	49,900	-300	2,100
Paper & Allied Products	25,000	24,800	23,300	200	1,700
Printing & Publishing	76,800	77,500	77,100	-700	-300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,200	38,600	39,100	-400	-900
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,000	73,800	73,400	200	600
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,600	32,800	33,500	-200	-900
Petroleum Refining	29,300	29,500	30,200	-200	-900
Leather & Leather Products	8,300	8,000	7,100	300	1,200
Other Nondurable Goods	36,700	36,600	33,800	100	2,900
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,610,000	5,602,000	5,594,000	8,000	16,000
Mining	195,800	194,200	191,400	1,600	4,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,100	10,100	10,500	0	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	185,700	184,100	180,900	1,600	4,800
Construction	362,300	364,100	385,800	-1,800	-23,500
Transportation & Public Utilities	383,300	383,400	374,600	-100	8,700
Railroad Transportation	20,400	20,300	21,400	100	-1,000
Transportation, Except Railroads	202,100	202,600	190,700	-500	11,400
Transportation by Air	58,300	57,900	51,600	400	6,700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,100	84,800	85,700	300	-600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,700	75,700	76,800	0	-1,100
Electric Services	41,600	41,700	42,900	-100	-1,300
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	26,800	26,900	100	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,688,000	1,677,800	1,699,500	10,200	-11,500
Wholesale Trade	412,300	412,100	417,200	200	-4,900
Retail Trade	1,275,700	1,265,700	1,282,300	10,000	-6,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,000	43,000	44,600	0	-1,600
General Merchandise Stores	189,700	183,400	181,000	6,300	8,700
Food Stores	236,300	235,800	239,900	500	-3,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	130,300	130,600	134,500	-300	-4,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,700	78,100	88,300	1,600	-8,600
Eating & Drinking Places	403,000	403,200	398,600	-200	4,400
Other Retail Trade	193,700	191,600	195,400	2,100	-1,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	434,500	434,000	444,900	500	-10,400
Banking	96,400	95,400	100,500	1,000	-4,100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,200	136,300	136,500	-100	-300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	201,900	202,300	207,900	-400	-6,000
Services	1,380,800	1,382,700	1,359,800	-1,900	21,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,700	83,900	84,200	-200	-500
Personal Services	82,200	81,800	82,400	400	-200
Business & Repair Services	361,000	360,800	365,500	200	-4,500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	49,700	50,100	50,400	-400	-700
Health Services	394,300	393,000	375,200	1,300	19,100
Educational Services	76,200	78,500	70,800	-2,300	5,400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	333,700	334,600	331,300	-900	2,400
Total Government	1,165,300	1,165,800	1,138,000	-500	27,300
Total Federal Government	193,400	193,400	192,800	0	600
Total State Government	256,900	257,000	243,700	-100	13,200
Total Local Government	715,000	715,400	701,500	-400	13,500

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,000	58,000	55,800	104,400	105,800	100,400	447,600	453,800	437,800
Total Unemployment	3,500	4,400	5,000	5,200	6,500	6,200	24,200	29,300	25,800
Percent Unemployed	6.1	7.6	9.0	5.0	6.1	6.2	5.4	6.5	5.9
Total Employment 2/	53,500	53,600	50,800	99,200	99,300	94,200	423,400	424,500	412,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,500	165,700	162,200	84,600	85,700	81,500	96,500	98,000	95,700
Total Unemployment	16,000	18,400	19,900	6,400	7,500	8,500	12,400	14,200	14,100
Percent Unemployed	9.8	11.1	12.3	7.6	8.8	10.4	12.8	14.5	14.7
Total Employment 2/	146,500	147,300	142,300	78,200	78,200	73,000	84,100	83,800	81,600
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,500	61,400	57,500	166,000	168,600	168,000	1,461.3	1,480.5	1,440.8
Total Unemployment	2,400	3,000	3,600	15,000	17,500	20,500	75.6	91.5	82.6
Percent Unemployed	4.0	4.9	6.3	9.0	10.4	12.2	5.2	6.2	5.7
Total Employment 2/	58,100	58,400	53,900	151,000	151,100	147,500	1,385.7	1,389.0	1,358.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	239,700	243,400	231,100	692,800	703,500	671,800	108,300	109,300	106,900
Total Unemployment	22,700	25,900	24,800	38,700	46,000	43,000	9,700	10,900	11,300
Percent Unemployed	9.5	10.6	10.7	5.6	6.5	6.4	9.0	10.0	10.6
Total Employment 2/	217,000	217,500	206,300	654,100	657,500	628,800	98,600	98,400	95,600
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,633.7	1,655.7	1,620.2	95,600	97,200	90,500	47,100	47,300	45,400
Total Unemployment	109.9	131.6	160.9	6,300	7,600	6,900	6,600	6,900	7,700
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.9	9.9	6.6	7.8	7.6	14.0	14.6	17.0
Total Employment 2/	1,523.8	1,524.1	1,459.3	89,300	89,600	83,600	40,500	40,400	37,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,500	81,800	80,700	116,500	116,800	113,800	157,400	159,500	150,400
Total Unemployment	6,800	7,800	9,300	6,000	6,500	6,800	25,800	29,400	29,800
Percent Unemployed	8.4	9.5	11.5	5.2	5.6	6.0	16.4	18.4	19.8
Total Employment 2/	73,700	74,000	71,400	110,500	110,300	107,000	131,600	130,100	120,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,600	52,800	51,900	57,700	58,000	59,200	47,500	47,700	46,100
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,800	5,500	3,700	4,500	9,000	2,500	2,800	3,100
Percent Unemployed	6.1	7.2	10.6	6.4	7.8	15.2	5.3	5.9	6.7
Total Employment 2/	49,400	49,000	46,400	54,000	53,500	50,200	45,000	44,900	43,000
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	620,200	627,900	599,100	51,500	52,100	49,600	59,500	59,700	58,200
Total Unemployment	42,300	48,700	45,100	3,400	3,800	3,900	4,200	4,600	4,900
Percent Unemployed	6.8	7.8	7.5	6.6	7.3	7.9	7.1	7.7	8.4
Total Employment 2/	577,900	579,200	554,000	48,100	48,300	45,700	55,300	55,100	53,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,700	78,500	77,700	39,100	39,300	38,500	96,700	98,300	93,700
Total Unemployment	5,400	6,500	7,300	2,600	3,000	3,700	6,900	8,100	7,600
Percent Unemployed	6.9	8.3	9.4	6.6	7.6	9.6	7.1	8.2	8.1
Total Employment 2/	72,300	72,000	70,400	36,500	36,300	34,800	89,800	90,200	86,100
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,000	59,400	57,800				8,455.0	8,568.8	8,317.5
Total Unemployment	3,700	4,100	4,600				574.0	673.5	724.1
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.9	8.0				6.8	7.9	8.7
Total Employment 2/	55,300	55,300	53,200				7,881.0	7,895.3	7,593.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec.± 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec.± 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec.± 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
	FOR TEXAS								
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 423.02	$ 416.22	$ 411.60	42.6	42.0	42.0	$ 9.93	$ 9.91	$ 9.80
Durable Goods	425.09	412.43	407.46	43.2	42.3	42.4	9.84	9.75	9.61
Lumber & Wood Products	297.65	293.15	285.93	42.4	41.7	41.2	7.02	7.03	6.94
Furniture & Fixtures	260.01	257.86	249.60	40.5	40.8	39.0	6.42	6.32	6.40
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	399.25	384.29	397.25	42.7	41.5	42.9	9.35	9.26	9.26
Primary Metal Industries	442.15	448.28	422.50	41.4	41.7	40.9	10.68	10.75	10.33
Fabricated Metal Products	394.58	376.68	373.50	43.6	41.9	41.5	9.05	8.99	9.00
Machinery, exc. Electric	441.67	427.71	422.00	43.6	42.9	42.2	10.13	9.97	10.00
Oil Field Machinery	503.05	489.29	459.15	44.4	43.3	40.1	11.33	11.30	11.45
Electric & Electronic Equip.	459.80	450.58	444.97	44.0	43.2	44.1	10.45	10.43	10.09
Transportation Equipment	579.80	562.32	556.96	44.6	44.0	44.7	13.00	12.78	12.46
Instruments & Related Prod.	367.04	362.09	344.66	41.9	41.1	40.5	8.76	8.81	8.51
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	281.80	274.13	267.11	40.2	39.5	38.6	7.01	6.94	6.92
Nondurable Goods	420.68	421.59	417.25	41.9	41.7	41.6	10.04	10.11	10.03
Food & Kindred Products	353.93	343.20	346.09	42.9	41.2	41.3	8.25	8.33	8.38
Meat Products	298.60	274.48	271.76	44.7	41.4	39.5	6.68	6.63	6.88
Malt Beverages	865.80	804.25	821.96	48.1	45.8	47.9	18.00	17.56	17.16
Textile Mill Products	340.49	328.13	318.96	46.2	45.7	45.5	7.37	7.18	7.01
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	197.10	203.04	192.88	37.4	37.6	36.6	5.27	5.40	5.27
Paper & Allied Products	470.80	469.34	463.32	44.0	43.7	44.0	10.70	10.74	10.53
Printing & Publishing	386.31	398.29	388.00	39.5	40.6	40.0	9.78	9.81	9.70
Chemicals & Allied Products	665.28	670.34	649.93	43.2	43.5	43.3	15.40	15.41	15.01
Petroleum & Coal Products	675.77	671.44	674.96	44.4	44.0	43.8	15.22	15.26	15.41
Petroleum Refining	698.36	696.08	701.80	44.2	44.0	44.0	15.80	15.82	15.95
Leather & Leather Products	226.12	233.45	226.24	39.6	40.6	40.4	5.71	5.75	5.60
Other Nondurable Goods	382.35	384.99	399.97	44.1	44.1	47.0	8.67	8.73	8.51
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	496.10	482.30	501.74	41.9	40.7	41.5	11.84	11.85	12.09
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	571.46	560.03	509.54	45.9	45.2	41.8	12.45	12.39	12.19
Oil & Gas Extraction	490.88	477.12	500.11	41.6	40.4	41.4	11.80	11.81	12.08
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	498.24	500.45	488.71	39.7	40.1	39.7	12.55	12.48	12.31
Elec., Gas & San. Services	453.89	467.83	421.79	39.4	40.4	39.2	11.52	11.58	10.76
Wholesale & Retail Trade	222.45	223.30	225.78	32.1	31.9	32.3	6.93	7.00	6.99
Wholesale Trade	387.11	390.25	382.31	39.3	39.3	39.7	9.85	9.93	9.63
Retail Trade	175.48	174.93	178.49	30.1	29.8	30.1	5.83	5.87	5.93
General Merchandise Stores	170.37	165.53	194.30	27.0	26.4	29.8	6.31	6.27	6.52
Banking	250.62	270.61	266.92	35.2	37.9	37.7	7.12	7.14	7.08

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 418.16	$ 408.66	$ 408.96	42.8	42.0	42.6	$ 9.77	$ 9.73	$ 9.60
Durable Goods	452.17	432.39	438.05	44.2	42.6	43.2	10.23	10.15	10.14
Nondurable Goods	360.45	366.38	359.81	40.5	40.8	41.5	8.90	8.98	8.67
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	429.94	423.30	428.00	41.5	41.5	42.8	10.36	10.20	10.00
Durable Goods	462.73	451.94	453.10	41.8	41.5	43.4	11.07	10.89	10.44
Nondurable Goods	345.87	350.66	361.79	40.5	41.4	41.3	8.54	8.47	8.76
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	503.09	488.81	485.70	44.6	43.8	43.6	11.28	11.16	11.14
Durable Goods	423.41	412.66	417.41	44.9	43.9	43.3	9.43	9.40	9.64
Nondurable Goods	591.41	573.34	564.52	44.3	43.8	44.0	13.35	13.09	12.83
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	304.40	307.44	309.09	40.0	40.4	41.6	7.61	7.61	7.43
Durable Goods	331.28	337.00	333.23	40.4	40.7	40.1	8.20	8.28	8.31
Nondurable Goods	276.90	277.49	286.38	39.5	40.1	43.0	7.01	6.92	6.66

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Within transportation and public utilities, a sizeable decline in transportation, except railroads, outweighed small increases in communication and in electric, gas and sanitary services, pushing employment for this industry down by 100.

For the first time in 1987, manufacturing lost jobs over the month, as 800 positions were deleted. While none of the sectors recorded sizeable declines, the modest decreases were fairly widespread, both in durable and nondurable goods. Employment in durable goods dropped by 600, as the majority of its segments registered losses.

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The largest downturn was in nonelectrical machinery, which decreased by 600 positions in December. Although oil field machinery dropped slightly, the majority of the nonelectrical machinery losses were not in this sector. Smaller drops in employment occurred in electric and electronic equipment; lumber and wood products; stone, clay and glass products; and instruments and related products. The only notable increase in durable goods was in transportation equipment, which gained 700 jobs over the month.

Nondurable goods declined by only 200 positions in December, as small increases and declines offset each other. The biggest loss occurred in printing and publishing, which dropped 700 jobs as the printing of year books was completed. The largest gain in this sector was the seasonal increase of 300 in leather and leather products.

HOURS AND EARNINGS ON THE RISE

Average weekly hours and average hourly earnings both increased between November and December, resulting in a rise in average weekly earnings of $6.80. Of the estimated 632,600 manufacturing production workers in Texas in mid-December, the average worker registered a 42.6-hour week at $9.93 an hour for weekly earnings of $423.02. Average weekly hours were up 0.6 hour both over the month and year; average hourly earnings advanced $.02 from November and $.13 from December 1986.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
4TH QUARTER 1987
October - December 1987

Abilene	$ 1,253,786
Amarillo	2,036,498
Austin	10,451,412
Beaumont-Port Arthur	5,790,750
Brazoria PMSA	2,533,209
Brownsville-Harlingen	3,026,678
Bryan-College Station	750,098
Corpus Christi	4,669,295
Dallas PMSA	33,717,407
El Paso	6,418,193
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	16,133,526
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	3,755,957
Houston PMSA	42,113,775
Killeen-Temple	1,701,129
Laredo	1,371,150
Longview-Marshall	2,257,745
Lubbock	1,482,657
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,053,410
Midland	1,172,587
Odessa	1,137,804
San Angelo	718,818
San Antonio	13,973,220
Sherman-Denison	1,306,798
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	826,177
Tyler	2,181,114
Victoria	922,231
Waco	3,189,244
Wichita Falls	1,428,135
State of Texas	200,156,350

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1986
Total Population	16,903,000	16,747,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	2.7
UI Covered Employers	312,891	312,910
Total Claims Actions	677,361	967,853
Total Initial Claims Actions	74,023	96,067
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	603,338	871,786
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$153.17	$156.12
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$77,826,644	$125,348,426
Total Placements	27,056	21,633

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.